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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Restriction Requirement mailed October 10, 2006, has been received and reviewed.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121.

Applicants were requested to elect one of 9 designated groups as briefly noted below:

I. Claims 1-2 & 7, drawn to the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

II. Claims 3-6 & 8, drawn to polynucleotides encoding the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, vectors, host cells, and methods of making the protein recombinantly, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

III. Claim 9, drawn to antibodies directed against the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

IV. Claims 10-11 & 16, drawn to the novel secreted polypeptide of SWQ ID NO: 5, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

V. Claims 12-15 & 17, drawn to polynucleotides encoding the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 5, vectors, host cells, and methods of making the protein recombinantly, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

VI. Claim 18, drawn to antibodies directed against the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 5, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

VII. Claims 19-20 & 25, drawn to the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 8, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

VIII. Claims 21-24 & 26, drawn to polynucleotides encoding the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 8, vectors, host cells, and methods of making the protein recombinantly, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

IX. Claim 27, drawn to antibodies directed against the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-2 & 7, drawn to the novel secreted polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 26-0290.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6752.

Respectfully Submitted,



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